

# RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION GUIDELINES FOR SANITARY DISTRICTS July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008



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Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling

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Dear County Collection Customers:

The staff of the Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling is pleased to provide you with the guidelines for refuse and recyclables collection in Fairfax County. In order for us to give you the best service, it is important for you to understand and adhere to the guidelines covering the collection of refuse and recyclables. We have prepared this detailed information for your immediate use and we encourage you to save this booklet for future reference.

Last year, our crews collected over 80,000 tons of refuse, and recycled over 32% of the materials. We thank you for your efforts to recycle as it is very important to our environment.

Hopefully, you will also note the conversion of our route trucks to reflect a friendly reminder to recycle. Each new truck is a light gray color with our "Recycle Guys" waving to you reminding you to recycle.

Our team consists of 130 men and women dedicated to recycling and solid waste removal all across Fairfax County. We emphasize safety and customer service and we appreciate any feedback you have on our program.

Thank you for your participation in our program.

Best regards,

*Jeffrey M. Smithberger*

Jeffrey M. Smithberger, Director



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Solid Waste Management Program at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION LINE**

**703-802-3322, TTY 711**

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling)**

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed on county holidays.

*Trash is collected once a week in wheeled trash carts provided by the county, personal trash containers or loose plastic bags. Carts provided by the county should not be loaded to more than 100 lbs. Personal trash containers and individual plastic bags should not weigh more than 50 lbs. each when full.*

## **Carts and Bins:**

We provide our customers with a 96 - gallon wheeled container for trash and 2 bins for recycling. Please keep your bins and trash containers clean. The county is not responsible for damage to or loss of personal trash containers. We do have small wheeled recycling bins available at a cost of \$16 each. Contact our office for more details at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.



## **Pickup Times:**

Actual trash pickup times can vary from week to week. To ensure that your trash is picked up, please have it at the curb/street line by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day or put it out the night before.

## **Pipestems:**

If your home is on a pipestem, please set your materials out at the public right-of-way to assure pickup. Collection trucks are too large to safely move in the restricted area of a typical pipestem driveway.

## **Private Roads:**

County collection customers in subdivisions with private roads are required to ensure a hard packed surface free of potholes, obstructions or ruts, with a minimum 12 ft. width of passage, not obstructed by parked cars, and cleared of overhead vegetation 13 feet above the roadway. County trash collection vehicles cannot safely move on private roads unless these requirements are met.

## **Annual Fees:**

Your base service fee covers once a week collection service and the special collection services described in this booklet. The base fee is included as a separate line item on your real estate tax bill.

Additional fees may apply for special services such as MegaBulk.

## **Holiday Schedule:**

Regular trash, recycling, brush and bulk collection services are provided on all holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day. The Customer Service Center is closed in observance of all county holidays.

**There will be no trash or recyclables collection on Tuesday, December 25, 2007.**

## **Severe Weather/Emergencies:**

In emergency situations or severe weather, all collections may be suspended to ensure the safety of our crews, equipment and vehicles parked on residential streets. If your trash and recycling are not picked up on your regular day, it will be picked up as soon as possible. Please call 703-802-3322, TTY 711, 24 hours a day for recorded emergency/severe weather status updates.

## **citizens' disposal**

**FACILITIES:** hazardous waste, recycling, over-sized loads, appliances

***Check our web site for operating hours and disposal fees that will apply.  
See page 12 for information regarding household hazardous waste disposal.***



### **I-66 Transfer Station**

4618 West Ox Road  
Fairfax, VA  
703-631-1179, TTY 711

### **I-95 Landfill Complex**

9850 Furnace Road  
Lorton, VA  
703-690-1703, TTY 711



# recycling

## **BASICS:** fairfax county recycling collection service

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*Recycling is collected once a week on the same day as trash. County customers are provided with two bins. Please help us recycle efficiently by placing all types of paper in one bin. Place glass, cans and plastic bottles in the other bin. Please be considerate of your environment and pick up any materials that blow out of your bin.*

### **Mixed Paper:**



#### **What to recycle:**

- paperboard (cereal, shoe and tissue boxes, etc.)
- newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books and junk mail
- all office paper & envelopes

No need to remove staples, paper clips or even the plastic windows on envelopes. If you shred paper, place shredded paper in a bag (paper is preferable) and close the bag to prevent paper from littering the neighborhood.

### **Cardboard:**

You may recycle all corrugated cardboard materials with the exception of pizza boxes and other cardboard containing food residue.

#### **How to prepare your cardboard:**

- Flatten cardboard
- Cardboard pieces must be no larger than 3 feet x 3 feet
- Place in separate bin from glass, metal and plastics

Cardboard that does not fit in your recycling bin must be flattened and placed next to or under the bin.

### **Christmas Trees:**

You do not need to call for a special collection to recycle your natural/live Christmas tree during the first two weeks in January. It will be collected from the curb on your normal collection day.

Please remove the tree stand and all lights, ornaments, tinsel, etc. After the first two weeks in January, you will need to schedule a special collection (see page 13 for details).



## Yard Waste:



### **What to recycle:**

- leaves, grass and plants
- shrubs, prunings and twigs

Do not include stumps, poisonous plants, dirt, rocks, stones, concrete, sand, insect nests or hives.

### **When to Recycle:**

Yard waste is recycled in Fairfax County beginning on March 1 through December 24.

### **How to prepare your yard waste for collection:**

- **Brush** must be placed at the curb in a separate container or in bundles weighing no more than 50 lbs. each.
- **Leaves\* and grass** must be placed at the curb in a separate container or bag weighing no more than 50 lbs. each.

\* Approximately 23,000 of our 44,000 collection customers have paid an additional fee to receive **vacuum leaf collection** in addition to their normal recycling and refuse collection. Vacuum leaf collection will take place between October 31 and December 31 (estimated and weather permitting). Leaves must be raked to the curb and unobstructed by cars or other impediments. Do not rake leaves into storm drains.

## Glass, Metal and Plastics



### **What to recycle:**

- plastic bottles and jugs (necks smaller than the rest of the container - milk jugs, soda bottles, detergent bottles, etc.)
- aluminum and steel food and beverage cans
- glass bottles and jars (clear, green and brown glass)
- No window glass!

### **How to prepare your containers:**

- rinse containers and remove lids and caps
- throw away caps and lids
- wipe out oily or greasy containers
- flatten containers - if possible
- place in separate bin from paper

# Residential Curbside Recycling In Fairfax County

## Curbside Recycling YES

### IN THE BIN



Plastic Bottles & Jugs



Metal Food Containers



Glass Bottles & Jars



Soda Bottles & Cans



Pill Bottles

### IN BIN, BAG OR CONTAINER



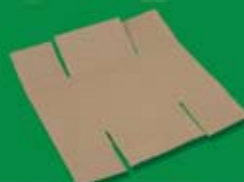
Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Newspapers, Magazines & Catalogs



Cereal, Cracker & Other Food Container Boxes



Phone Books



Flattened Cardboard

### YES AT THE CURB



Grass



Brush



Leaves



Recyclables should be empty and clean; no food or soiled materials.  
Yard Waste should be in paper bags, clear bags, or a reusable container.



# Curbside Recycling NO



Yogurt, Dairy Tubs



Plastic Bags



Styrofoam Packaging



Plastic Food  
Boxes or Trays



Pizza Boxes



Foam Containers



Lightbulbs



Alkaline Batteries



Lids, Caps & Bottle Tops



Ceramics



Hard Back Books



Paper Plates & Napkins



Prescription Vials



Pots & Pans



Aluminum Foil & Tins

## Not Collected At The Curb



Propane Tanks



Rock & Bricks



Logs over 6"  
in Diameter  
(see MegaBulk  
on p. 14)

# disposal

## **DON'TS:** what not to put at the curb!

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*The Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling is committed to providing the best possible service in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. In order to maintain our equipment, to protect our employees from potential health and safety risks, and to dispose of solid waste in accordance with environmental best practices and regulations, there are several items which cannot be disposed of through our normal curbside service.*



## **Not in the Trash:**

- Construction debris (from renovations, remodeling, or reconstruction) - including drywall and similar materials, shingles, ceiling tiles, floor tiles, wall tiles, asbestos, etc.
- Dirt/sod, sand, stones, rocks, bricks, concrete, asphalt, railroad ties. Remove excess concrete from fences, swing sets, etc.
- Oversized brush (more than 6 feet long and 6 inches in diameter), stumps, root balls, and/or whole trees.
- Glass windows, sliding glass doors, glass sheets and mirrors.
- Broken glass or sharp objects unless they are carefully packaged in sturdy cardboard boxes and labeled before being discarded in the trash.
- Waste from commercial businesses.
- Large amounts of animal waste. Small amounts are acceptable if double bagged.
- Dead animals - very small animals (mice, birds, etc.) are acceptable if double bagged. Larger animals may be buried or taken to the County Animal Shelter for proper disposal. To report a dead animal found along the roadway, please call VDOT at 703-383-8368.
- Explosives, live ammunition or weapons. Disposal of these materials is handled through the Fairfax County Police Department - check your telephone directory for a substation near you.
- Gas powered lawn equipment containing gas and oil. Please properly remove and dispose of gas and oil before you schedule a special collection.

# Disposing of Sharps in the Trash

**Including syringes, needles, pins, blades, etc.**

**To ensure the safe disposal of sharp objects:**

1. Deposit sharp objects into a rigid plastic container such as a liquid detergent bottle.
2. Seal the container with a lid or tape the opening securely.
3. Using a marker, print **"SHARP OBJECTS"** on the outside of the container.
4. Deposit the container in the trash - **DO NOT RECYCLE THEM!**

## Remember, Safety First!

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- More than 4 auto tires per curbside set out. Rims must be removed. Larger quantities and repeat set outs will not be collected. No truck tires.
- Propane/Oxygen/Helium tanks or other tanks containing flammable or explosive gases.
- **Hazardous waste** (See Hazardous Waste section on page 12 for more information).

**Trash containing the materials listed here will not be collected. Unless otherwise noted, take these materials to the I-95 Landfill or the I-66 Transfer Station Complexes for proper disposal (see page 5 for facility locations and phone numbers).**

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# household

*Household Hazardous Waste should be disposed of at the designated Household Hazardous Waste drop off points at either the I-66 Transfer Station or the I-95 Landfill Complexes (see page 5 for facility locations and contact information).*

***Do Not Place Household Hazardous Waste in your regular trash!***

**Accepted at Drop Off Points:**

- Accepted at Drop Off Points:**

  - Acid
  - Aerosol Sprays
  - Asbestos Products (call 703-324-5230)
  - Automotive Fluids
  - Coal Tar Products
  - Creosote Products
  - Driveway Sealers
  - Floor Care Products
  - Fluorescent Lamps
  - Fungicides
  - Glue (solvent base)
  - Herbicides
  - Inks & Dyes
  - Insecticides
  - Mercury Products
  - Moth Balls
  - Paint (oil base)
  - Paint Thinner
  - Pesticides
  - Poisons
  - Pool Chemicals
  - Rust Removers
  - Stains
  - Varnish
  - Weed Killers
  - Wood Preservers

**NOT Accepted at Drop Off Points:**

- Points:**
- Ammunition  
(contact Police Department)
  - Compressed Gas Cylinders
  - Explosives & Illegal Fireworks  
(contact Fire Prevention Division)
  - Propane Tanks
  - Radioactive Materials



## I-95 Landfill Complex HHW Disposal

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon  
Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## I-66 Transfer Station HHW Disposal

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please call our **Household Hazardous Waste Information Line at 703-324-5068, TTY 711**, for more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Program, or visit our web page at:

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm)**

*Also, check our online calendar for remote HHW collection event dates.*

12 We host 4 per year at various locations throughout the county.

# special

## **PROGRAMS:** special collections & megabulk

*Fairfax County offers special collection for household items that are too large to collect with a standard garbage truck. Your base service includes a limit of 5 special collections per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). You must schedule collections for all oversized items including furniture, appliances, and large piles of brush.*

### **Special Collections:**



Each individual residence will receive up to 5 special collections each fiscal year (resetting each July 1). Special collections are limited to 12 cubic yards of sorted materials or a pile about 5 feet x 6 feet x 10 feet. Piles of heavy/dense materials are limited to 6 cubic yards. You must separate metal items (e.g. play sets

and fences), appliances (e.g. refrigerators and stoves), furniture and large piles of brush for collection since these items do not all go to the same place for recycling or disposal. If you have reached your special collections limit for the fiscal year, or have more than 12 cubic yards of material to be disposed of, you may receive disposal services through the MegaBulk program (see page 14).

For the safety of our crews and your property, materials which are too far from the street, improperly mixed, obstructed by parked cars, low hanging utility wires or tree limbs are tagged and the problem must be corrected before collection can occur. **Please allow 20 feet of clearance around your materials for us to pick up your materials safely.**

**Special collection is for residential use only.** If you observe materials being dumped in your neighborhood by contractors or from elsewhere, please call 703-802-3322, TTY 711, so we may investigate.

#### **To Schedule a Special Collection or MegaBulk Pickup:**

Contact our Customer Service Center at 703-802-3322, TTY 711 between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Or you may schedule online at

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/coll\\_special.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/coll_special.htm)** 13



# MegaBulk Program:

The MegaBulk program is designed to help customers remove very large loads of waste from their properties - including construction and demolition waste. This service is provided at an additional cost. We will provide you with a written cost estimate for disposal based on the type of material and the size of the pile. MegaBulk cost estimates are valid for TEN DAYS, and are based upon items being sorted correctly and set out at the curb or street line for a collection. A digital picture is taken for our records. If additional items are added to the pile, the price will change.

All MegaBulk transactions are handled via credit card or check - NO CASH. You may use another contractor to remove materials, or do so yourself - you do not need to use our service. The minimum charge for a single MegaBulk collection is \$60.



If you elect not to use MegaBulk service, you are still responsible for the removal of the materials from the curb/street line within TEN DAYS. Failure to do so may result in Fairfax County removing the materials at your risk and expense. The minimum cost for County removal of abandoned materials to obtain Code compliance is \$250 plus actual labor, equipment and disposal costs.

## **Special Materials Notes: Brush & Bulk Items**

**Brush:** Small bundles or containers of brush (weighing less than 50 lbs. each and shorter than 4 ft. in length) can be picked up at no cost with your recycling pickup. Larger loads require a special collection. For larger loads, limbs must be no longer than 6 feet long and 6 inches in diameter, and the volume must be under 12 cubic yards. We cannot accept large logs or branches, root balls and stumps resulting from the removal of whole trees under the base service fee. Please make alternative arrangements for the disposal of these items either through our MegaBulk program or another contractor. **Do not mix lumber with brush.**

Bulk items include furniture, mattresses, carpet, lumber, wooden fencing and other items that are too large to be collected safely with regular trash trucks. **Do not mix brush, bulk and metal items. Your special collection will not be picked up if items are mixed.**

## Set Out Requirements:

- Oversized materials must be separated for safety and operational reasons. You must separate metal, brush, lumber and other bulk items.
- Mixing normal trash with your special collection will prevent either from being collected.
- Special collection items must be placed within 6 feet of the curb/street line by 6:00 a.m. on the day you are scheduled for the collection.
- Place items in the open, well away from parked vehicles, low hanging tree limbs or wires.
- Do not obstruct manhole covers, fire hydrants, storm drains, ditches, sidewalks or streets.
- All excess items included for collection must be properly bagged.



## special EVENTS:

hazardous waste, recycling, outreach

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<b>Wed., July 25:</b>	Business Hazardous Waste Collection Event
<b>Sat., September 8:</b>	Residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
<b>Wed., October 3:</b>	Business Hazardous Waste Collection Event
<b>Sat., October 13:</b>	Residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
<b>Sat., November 10:</b>	Annual Community Recycling Road Show
<b>Thurs., November 15:</b>	America Recycles Day
<b>Tues., December 25:</b>	<b>HOLIDAY - No Curbside Collection Service</b>

**For more information on upcoming household hazardous waste collection, recycling and outreach events, visit our web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling).**

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